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2 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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4 An apparatus for and method of accommodating an XML document within a data base
5 management system. The XML document is defined by a Document Type Definition (DTD). It
6 is parsed on an element-by-element basis into an acceptable format for use by a data base
7 management system by information contained in an XML mapping tree in accordance with said
8 DTD. Each element may be accompanied by appropriate attributes. The tree may be saved for
9 future use. An internal form of the DTD may be stored for future use.